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STAFF MEMORANDUM NO. 294 (Revised)

SUBJECT: Post-Mortem on NIE-72: "Probable Developments in the Union of South Africa," dated 20 October 1952.

It is recommended that the following memorandum be sent to the IAC Agencies:

"1. At O/NE's recommendation the IAC on 21 May 1952 directed initiation of NIE-72; terms of reference were approved by the IAC agencies on 24 June; contributions were received by 26 July; the O/NE staff draft was distributed for Board consideration on 15 September; and the final text was approved by the IAC on 16 October.

"2. Intelligence Gaps. No critical intelligence gaps were encountered in the estimate. However, it would be desirable to have much firmer evidence concerning the nature and extent of the organization, leadership, plans, and resources of the developing non-European groups, particularly native groups. It would also

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be desirable to have more evidence on the ties, if any, between these South African groups and other native groups elsewhere in Africa. We believe that the agencies chiefly concerned, particularly OIR, are aware of this problem and that further data will become available through regular intelligence channels. Therefore, we do not believe that IAC sponsorship of a special collection effort is required.

"3. Recommendations:

- "a. That no special post-mortem meeting be held on NIE-72; and
- "b. That the IAC Agencies note the above intelligence gaps and ensure that their research and collection activities take whatever measures seem necessary to fill these gaps."

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